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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Ryo KURODA et al.)	: Examiner: J. S. Ruggles
Application No.: 10/648,317)	: Group Art Unit: 1756
Filed: August 27, 2003)	: Confirmation No.: 3665
For: NEAR-FIELD PHOTOMASK AND NEAR-FIELD)	: Allowed: November 20, 2006
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PHOTOMASK (As Amended))	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to further examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application
as follows: